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1. In the recent demobilization of Soviet troops, the air force, armored corps, and the artillery were not in principle included; on the contrary, certain categories of demobilized soldiers from other branches of the service were shifted to these units. Releases were chiefly given to troops of the cavalry, infantry, and auxiliary services.
2. Within the year classes, first place in demobilization is being given to the Russians, the Byelorussians, and the Ukrainians. Individual demobilization, both in Russia and in the occupied territories, is taking place in cooperation with the Party apparatus of the various military units. Nearly all the troops in the Soviet Union, under the command of Army General Khrulov, are being demobilized in their home areas. On the other hand, soldiers (especially those of Slavic origin) who have been outside the Soviet Union for a long time, or who are among the occupation troops, are now being employed in the colonization of the newly created economic centers ("novostroiek" territories); in these areas, the soldiers and their families are assured more or less bearable living conditions according to their supposed degree of loyalty and their rate of production.
3. Demobilized soldiers are being settled along the Pechora River, the Pacific Coast, the areas along the Great Northern Route, Turkestan (especially the Uzbek and Tadzhik Republics), and the Kuznetsk industrial basin. Former Soviet PWs returning from Germany are also being sent to forced labor factories or to concentration camps in these regions.
4. Generally, the Ukrainians are demobilized as far as possible from their places of origin. In October 1946, mass deportations of Ukrainian peasants to the Crimea, Turkestan, and Amur River area, and to the Komi Republic were undertaken.
5. The army in the Far East is not being demobilized but replaced. The Caucasus and Turkestan fronts have been reinforced recently by units from Russia proper.

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